Dear Henry,

5/9/83

I'm in another period of cleaning up after more affidavits and going over several sets of records of which you know, what Mark Allen got pertaining to HSCA and a real phony deal on Mexico City records about which I've written Bud because I didn't know whose case it was. (They didn't get a single Mexico City record or a single new disclosure. They got only FBIHQ copies of some of what Mexico City sent to or received from FBIHQ.)

Except for the single record from State that Bud sent to you, me and others, they got only what was already disclosed in FBIHQ files. And although the worksheets do not account for all Mexico Citybrecords, they do account for some that were not disclosed to Mark/Bud. Apparently, according to what Jim told me a few minutes, none of them perceived this until I explained it to Jim and he explained it to Mark. Just between us, please, I find this discouraging.

So you can better understand some of my comments re Paz, I've researched a book on the Cuba missile crisis.

I'd be sending you copies of some of the records I referred to in several memos only our copier is not working well at all and makes only pail copies. Later today when the serviceman calls Lil, we'll have to decide between expensive repairs to this one or what is more expensive, getting a new one. Which may cost less in the long run.

I'm concerned about the political thinking, or really lack of it in some instances, reflected in Bud's endorsement of Paz. Without the refutation of it in the FBI records, which I'm sure people like Mary will merely ignore because it isn't congenial to what they believe, there is the fact that it just doesn't make sense at all.

If you plan more like the Oswald as somebody's agent chpater that involves political approaches, I do hope you'll talk it over with me before you put it on paper. You just can't make this kind of thing stack and you'll diminish yourself and your book.

We're having an early winter again. Almost freezing last night, predicted again for tonight. But no apparent weather damage to trees and flowers.

After some filing of chat I had out I'll be preparing for whatever I can do when the FBI moves to hold me in contempt for refusing to comply with its ordered discovery demands in the field offices case. So far Jim hasn't had time to talk to others about my support, people like the ACLU and Nader's, not only because of the very real First Amendment question but because of the principle established that can largely negate the Act. This rubber-stamp judge has also assessed the FBI's costs in seeking discovery against me and that'll be another contempt charge. I suppose we'll just wait for them to make the charge because, if they have any sense at all, they won't. But I expect the judge to agree if they move it.

I've fought alone before, but it isn't the best way. Or easiest.

All I can think of doing in anticipation, aside from depending on the case record, is getting out all I can find about the FBI's campaign against me. They really did decide to "stop" me and they tried to wreck me at least twice in public appearances. Both helped me sell books and fialed in all other ways. (I'm not worried enough about it not to take in all the Orioles games, tho.)

Hope all is going well.

Best,